

LEAD US THROUGH, LORD!

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*When all seems to be lost
Life becomes desultory
To be or not to be
That is the question
We holdfast onto you
In this state of despair
To lead us through Lord*

*With our bleeding hearts
Tears streaming down our eyes
Blood oozing out our veins
In this desultory and heart-rendering state
Lead us through Lord*

*When prisons are full of prisoners without a crime
Innocent citizens fighting for equal rights are ill-treated
Leading to stress, trauma, depression and even death
They take to flight to free their lives,
Freeze or fight back for their rights.
In this traumatic and stressful state, lead us through, Lord*

*When child abuse, trafficking and labor
takes over child care and education
Random rape and female genital mutilation
over women rights and emancipation
Men killed in battle front and war
In this bloody and war-cry state, lead us through Lord.*

*When leaders unconstitutionally alter the constitution
Of their countries to meet their whims and caprices
They rule for multiple of scores and decades and eventually die in power.
Egocentricity takes over conscientiousness
Autocracy over democracy
Racism, tribalism, favoritism and nepotism over meritocracy
In this frustrating and melancholic state, lead us through Lord*

*When dictators prefer vehemence to dialogue
Demiurge rulers are almost inexistent
The military and judiciary being an arm of the government
To protect the citizens is used against them*

*Human rights, freedom of speech and the press is arbitrary
Bribery, corruption and kleptomania has marred the world
Genocide and homicide is the order of the day
In this agonizing state, lead us through Lord*